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SUBJECT: CIVIL DETAINEES-- INVITATION TO CANADIAN RED CROSS

REF: STATE 117947

1. DURING A JUNE 18 CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTRY (KY)
BENNETT RAISED THE MATTER OF AN INVITATION TO RED CROSS
SOCIETIES TO INSPECT PLACES OF INTERNMENT AS PROVIDED FOR IN
PARAGRAPH 8(C) OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. WE INFORMED KY
OF THE NEGOTIATING HISTORY REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH ONE OF
REFTEL AND RECOMMENDED THAT HE ASK THE GVN DELEGATION TO
THE TPJMC TO PROPOSE THAT A TPJMC INVITATION BE SENT TO
THE CANADIAN AND POLISH RED CROSS SOCIETIES WITHIN THE 15 DAY
DEADLINE SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 8 (C).

2. KY RECALLED THE HISTORY OF THE ABORTIVE INVITATION TO THE
CANADIANS RED CROSS LAST FEBRUARY AND THE EMBARRASSMENT THE
CANADIANS SUFFERED AT THAT TIME. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT WHETHER THE
CANADIAN RED CROSS WOULD WISH TO PUT ITSELF IN THIS POSITION A
SECOND TIME. WE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT WITH THE CHANGED
COMMUNIST ATTITUDE AND AN ACTUAL INVITATION FROM BOTH SOUTH
VIETNAMESE PARTIES, THE CANADIANS WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT. KY
SAID HE WOULD REPORT THIS MATTER IMMEDIATELY TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER.
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